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Buck Neck Site  
Near Worton Creek  
mid-18th century

Buck Neck is the name of a tract patented in 1666 to Joseph Hopkins.<sup>1</sup> During the 18th century it appears to have been owned by two or three generations of the Graves family. It was resurveyed in 1737 for 493 acres for Sarah Graves, wife of William Graves.<sup>2</sup> Its position at the headwaters of Worton Creek was ideal for shipping since it was close to the Chesapeake Bay. In the mid-18th century it is known to have been the location of one of the county's tobacco warehouses.

Uphill from the landing stood one of the farmhouses which is mentioned in the 1783 Tax Assessment in the ownership of Richard Graves:

"Buck Neck 493 acres at @616.15

pt. Conny Warren 163 acres at @203.15

Prince Wm. 90 acres at @112.10

Pt. Doe Neck 27 acres at @33.15

Wye Hill Downs 50 acres at @62.10

Two Brick Dwelling Houses and one kitchen

Nine out houses and one barn

One young orchard and one old orchard"<sup>3</sup>

An old photograph of the house shows a three-bay, two-story whitewashed brick house with small kitchen and outbuilding. The overhanging roof of the kitchen is similar to the kitchen wing at Broadnox and Hinchingham.

In the early 1960's the area was developed into a housing development called Chesapeake Landing. Only the large frame barn remained and was initially used as a clubhouse for the residents.

1. Patents, Lib., fol. , 11 August 1666.
2. Patents, Lib. , fol. , 12 September 1737.
3. 1783 Tax Assessment.

SITE OF BUCK NECK  
Worton, Maryland  
(18th century)

On this site once stood one of Kent's 18th century farmhouses. An old photograph in the files of the Maryland Historical Trust shows that the building was two stories tall and three bays long. Its kitchen wing had an unusual overhanging roof similiar to that at Broadnox (K-98) near Rock Hall.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

SITE OF BUCK NECK

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Buck Neck, 1/4 mile from Worton Creek  
Marina

1st

CITY, TOWN

Worton

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER housing  
development**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☒ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Buck Neck house was destroyed by fire. An existing photograph in the files of the Maryland Historical Trust was the basis of a report by Michael O. Bourne in 1968.

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The site is presently being developed for housing."

The only remaining farm building on Buck Neck is a large frame bank barn, now used as a club house.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Chestertown</u> VICINITY <u>Chesapeake handling</u> STREET NO. <u>Buck Neck Rd, 1 mile west, Rt 298</u> <u>is the development of Chesapeake handling</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>in 1671, William Pearce</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Chesapeake handling Inc.</u> PRESENT USE <u>site used for development</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-263</u>	
		2. NAME <u>Buck Neck (Site)</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>18th Century</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u>	
<p><i>Francis Lamb</i></p> <p>Buck Neck was owned by William Pearce in 1671          June 21, 1792, Rebekah Pearce Lamb was born at Buck Neck.          1856, Henry Shuster bought Buck Neck.          Nov 19, 1856, Mary Shuster Groves Lamb was born there.          The house was destroyed by fire - ?</p> <p>One existing photo of Buck Neck shows that it was a          3 bay long, 2 story structure with a one story kitchen          wing. Unusual is the overhang to the kitchen wing,          like Broadvox <sup>(K-98)</sup>, also in Kent County.          The site is presently being developed for housing.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior <u>—</u> Exterior <u>—</u>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>Oct 22, 1968</u>	




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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Kent</b> TOWN <b>Chestertown</b> VICINITY <b>Melitota</b> STREET NO. <b>Buck Neck Road</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Chesapeake Landing Inc.</b> PRESENT USE <b>development</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>two</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>K-263</b>	
		2. NAME <b>Site of BUCK NECK</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>18th century</b> STYLE <b>colonial</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></span>  <div style="text-align: center; padding-top: 20px;"> <p>destroyed</p> </div>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered Interior Exterior</span>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		One photo in our files 7. PHOTOGRAPH	
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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